

Students Present Play



Two members of the cast of "My Sister Ellen," caught by the photographer during one of their big scenes. They are: Jim Shipley, who is burning his fingers while he admires his stage wife, Peggy Ferguson. The production was given by the senior class of Lower Merion High School March 3 and 6 in the auditorium of the Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School.

Commonwealth Title Company Opens Branch Office in Ardmore



W. W. West

A branch office of the Commonwealth Title Company of Philadelphia has been opened in Ardmore, according to an announcement made this week by William M. West, president.

The office, located in the Pennsylvania Company for Banking and Trusts building, 7 E. Lancaster Ave., will be managed by Fred E. Fromheld.

In opening the office, the company has anticipated great advances in the real estate business, particularly in areas such as Lower Merion Township, a noted educational center and a community with large bank, commercial establishments and industries.



F. Fromheld

This new office now established in Ardmore.

West is also president of the Colonial Title Surety Company of Philadelphia and treasurer of the Philadelphia Real Estate Board. Fromheld has been active in the title business since 1936. He served for three and one-half years in the armed forces during World War II. He attended the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and Temple University.

The Title Company has seven offices in Philadelphia, and other branch offices in Upper Darby, Chester, Glenside, Lancaster, and Wilmington, Delaware.

Letter to the Editor

Sir: Kenneth Pray's death is a sad loss. All of his life was devoted to plans for a better world, and while this friend did not see eye-to-eye with him on some of his convictions, there was never any doubt about the sincerity of his motives nor of the manner in which he was willing to sacrifice himself in order to have worthwhile things accomplished. Probably no other man in Narberth had to do with so many important activities and there is evidence that if he had sought to serve only his own cause, his financial emoluments would have been far greater than what were, for he had the talents necessary to put him in the forefront in any field where money is made and personal prosperity well assured. He chose the better way.

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This does not imply venality, but it could mean that Narberth was regarded as having lost its proverbial zest and was not disposed to bestir itself about anything. Outrageous, yes, but would such effrontery have been dared 10 years ago?

Witness also that "new bridge" on Narberth Avenue, and on which the railroad is said to have spent \$40,000, but which still remains the drab, unsightly thing it has been for more than 50 years. The engineers can probably explain what has been done, but all the ordinary citizen can see is that it is as ugly and as unimaginative as it always was, even though it might be somewhat more adequate for traffic than before.

The atrocity simply would not have been allowed to occur if there had been any real care in what happens in this neighborhood and it is not at all far-fetched to hang the penalty on the surrender of hometown sovereignty to those who make "politicians" their one and only interest.

Part of the same cloth is this business of halting our government body to Court and having a rule imposed on it that would make the tax rate better correspond with what dissenting citizens thought should be the case. I do not know exactly what was involved, as a too-long illness has diverted the usual attention, but I do know that never before has Narberth protected its titles and I do not think complaints would have occurred on this occasion if there had been confidence our public procedure enjoyed the same respect that it was accorded in the years that have passed. It would also be interesting to learn how many taxpayers were in Norristown for the town's day in Court and what testimony was offered by citizens not under direct summons to appear. The answer would be quite pertinent to the general situation now being discussed.

Ordinarily, in a place of this kind, with every dollar of official

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Borough Council Will Ask School Board To Appropriate Additional Money to Library

Co. Delegation Discusses New Turnpike Cut

Met With Governor In Harrisburg For 140-Mile Extension

Extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike in an eastward direction was discussed this week by Governor Duff and a delegation of Montgomery County officials.

The meeting, held in Harrisburg, was attended by County Commissioners Fred C. Peters, of Ardmore, Clifford C. Collins, and Norman T. Hayes, of the Rosemont Civic Association; Richard W. Thornton, president of the Lower Merion Township Commissioners; H. Orvel Sebring, of Villanova; John L. Randall, of the Gladwyne Civic Association; Henry R. Hallowell, of the Merion Civic Association, and Charles R. Kimball, Lower Merion Township Commissioner.

Discussion at the meeting centered around a 140-mile extension of the Turnpike from Carlisle to Philadelphia which would follow a northerly route passing through the vicinity of Lebanon and Reading, and joining local highways at King of Prussia.

Termination of the extension near King of Prussia would dovetail with the Valley Forge Parkway project which has been pushed by Main Line Civic groups for several years.

The parkway, which would go eastward from Valley Forge to West Conshohocken, then follow the old River road along the west bank of the Schuylkill to City Line would make a logical feeder for the Turnpike, its proponents say. It would also relieve the congestion along Lancaster pike through Bryn Mawr and Ardmore.

Financing is the big problem. If traffic counts support such a project, the Turnpike Commission may be asked eventually to bring the Turnpike in close to West Conshohocken—possibly even down to City Line itself. This idea, however, has not gone beyond preliminary discussion.

It also was learned that the commission hopes to finance the super-highway through bank loans rather than by floating a bond issue. It was felt, authentic sources said, that a great deal of money could be saved on interest charges if this method is followed.

Commission engineers were reported to be favoring the northern route after careful consideration of aerial surveys of three possible courses.

In general, the surveys were concerned with these possibilities:

1. A middle route that would have run southeastward through the rich farmlands of Lancaster County.
2. A southern route that would have swung southeastward from Carlisle to York and thence across the Susquehanna and eastward.
3. The northerly route, crossing the Susquehanna below Harrisburg, running toward Lebanon and then passing about ten miles south of Reading on its eastward course.

The probability that the northern route will be chosen was indicated after an aerial survey that cost about \$86,000 and took several months.

Informants were necessarily vague on exact plans because of the danger of land speculation. For the same reason they were silent on what improvements are contemplated to improve the highway system between King of Prussia which is on route 202 in Montgomery County, and the Philadelphia city line.

PTA to Hear Sculptor, Artist Borough Group To Meet March 15

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L. M. Bands Will Present Concert Friday

Group to Combine For First Time in History At Festival of Music

The bands of Lower Merion Township's three High Schools will combine for the first time in their history to present a Festival of Music Friday evening, at Downe Gymnasium, Lower Merion High School.

The three bands, Lower Merion Senior High School Band, Ardmore Junior High School Band and Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School Band will perform both separately and as a unit.

Following the opening of the program with the presentation of the national anthem, F. A. Dubois, Superintendent of Schools, will make a brief address on the importance of music in general education.

A discussion on "The Bands of Lower Merion," by Dr. Bruce C. Beach, head of the Music Department at Lower Merion, will follow. The Ardmore Junior High School Band, under the direction of Kenneth Markley, will open the program.

It will play "Patriotic Overture" and "Irish Overture," both by Buchtel; The "El Capitan March," by Sousa will be directed by W. E. Geist, of the elementary instrumental music department.

The Bala-Cynwyd Junior High Band, under the baton of Herman C. Giersch, will play "Plantation Echoes," by Brockton; "Donkey Serenade," by Friml; and "Our Director March," by Bigelow.

Following a review of the activities of the Lower Merion High Band, by Philip Loung, drum-major, it will present a selection of numbers under the direction of Dr. Bruce C. Beach, head of the music department.

The program will include "Constellation Overture," by Peter Buys, with trumpet solo by Sheldon Arnold; "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise," "Begin the Beyline," by Cole Porter, and "American Patrol," by Meacham.

Preceding the grand finale Dr. L. W. Zimmerman, president of the Lower Merion Board of School Directors, will speak on "A Father Looks at the Band."

As the finale the entire assemblage will present a demonstration of rehearsal technique and sight reading of music, which they have not seen before.

The final number will be Sousa's "Washington Post March," presented by the combined bands under the direction of Dr. Beach.

Building in Borough

Sterling M. Chain, chairman of the Borough Council Building committee, reported Monday night at a meeting of the Council, that building in Narberth had fallen behind that of last year.

"During January, 1947, Chain stated, the Borough received \$300 for permits issued while in January, 1948, only \$5 was received. In February, 1947, he added, \$37 was received as to \$6 in February, 1948.

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CONGRESSMAN SAMUEL R. McCONNELL, JR.
... For Congress

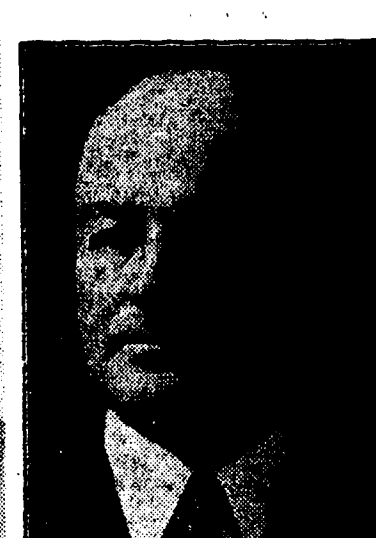
Lower Merion Township will have two local committee fights to enliven its Republican Primary on April 27, but otherwise, the organization-endorsed slate is unopposed.

The contests became public on Monday, deadline for filing petitions by those seeking party nomination.

When petitions were filed, it was disclosed also that Joseph N. Pew, Jr., of Ardmore, and Jay Cooke, of Wyndmoor, had received the organization's nod to serve as Montgomery County's delegates to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia in June.

For alternate delegates, the organization's unopposed candidates are Russell Crawford, of West Norriton, and Louis Hirsch, of Cheltenham.

Congressman Samuel R. McConnell, Jr., of Wynnewood, was slated for his third term as U. S. Congressman, and State Representative Lambert Cadwalader, of Glad-



LAMBERT CADWALADER
... For State
Legislature

wyne, to represent Montgomery County's first legislative district in Harrisburg.

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Narberth Candidates

Neither the Republicans nor the Democrats will have any contests for committee posts at the April 27 primaries. Candidates who filed nomination petitions Monday are:

First District: Joseph P. White and Louise Cockrell, Republicans; Joseph Magarity and Kathryn O'Brien, Democrats.

Second District: John Batchelor and Isabel Pittenger, Republicans; Jesse Hause and Elizabeth Kelly, Democrats.

Third District: Harry Pulch and Margaret Griswold, Republicans; Ellen Brinton, Democrat (no candidate for committee).

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Panel Agrees On Red Aims; Tell of Atom

A newspaperman and two scientists on Monday evening collaborated in an opinion that the total impact between Russia and the USA could be broken only if the personnel of the Politburo were changed.

The three men—John McCullough, of the Philadelphia Inquirer; Dr. Thomas Jones, associate professor of chemistry at Haverford College, and Dr. W. E. Stephens, associate professor of physics at the University of Pennsylvania, were members of the panel at a meeting titled "The Atom and You," in the Ardmore Presbyterian Church. This was the fourth in a series of meetings jointly sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association.

The sharp division of social opportunity has troubled the conscience of the middle class since 1900, the speaker said. "One substantial consolation for the Russian Communism," he said, "is the fact that it has not yet reached the United States."

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Toynbee Tells Of Chance In British Life

Dr. Arnold J. Toynbee, distinguished British historian and author of the monumental "A Study of History," told an audience of 1000 at Bryn Mawr College Sunday night that Britain's "silent and bloodless revolution" had reversed the entire outlook to the middle and lower classes in that country.

Before 1914, Dr. Toynbee explained, "the working class had little opportunity, little chance to save for old age, and few educational opportunities. It was rare for a man of that class to rise on the social and economic ladder."

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Show Chairmen Models



Taking part in the Narberth Junior Women's Club Fashion Show, held at the Narberth Public School Thursday evening, are, from left to right, Mrs. K. Mitchell, Chairman; Miss Lita Ovale, aide; Mrs. George Conway (Cele), Co-Chairman; Miss George Torchiana, a model; and Mrs. George Miller, a model, and member of the Narberth Women's Community Club.

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Request for Joint Meeting Will Be Made By Formal Letter; Plan to Discuss Aid During 1948 and Future Years

Narberth's Borough Council, handicapped by limited funds, will request the Narberth School Board to fill in the financial gap and appropriate more money to the Borough Library.

The request will be made to the School Board by a formal letter which will be signed by Walter Fox, president of the Council, and other Council officials.

Air Parcel Post Service Inaugurated

Air parcel post will be inaugurated between the United States and 21 foreign countries effective March 13, according to an announcement made this week by Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson.

Air parcel post will be accepted for mailing at any post office and will receive all available domestic air mail service in addition to transportation overseas by air. This new service does not apply to territories or possessions of the United States.

Weight and size limitations, customs declarations and other conditions that govern international surface parcel post will apply to Air parcel post, and in addition, an air mail sticker must be applied to the parcels. Air parcels may be registered or insured to those countries where such service is now in operation.

Dr. Frew Tells Rotary Club Of 'Iron Curtain'

Russian Complex Cause Of 'Scare Act,' Pastor Says

Dr. Allan McLachlan Frew, pastor of the Ardmore Presbyterian Church, was guest speaker Tuesday at the International Service meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club, held at noon in the Overbrook Golf Club.

Dr. Frew, who was introduced by W. J. Drennan, discussed some of the impressions he had carried back from his recent two-months tour of western Europe. Calling his talk "America's Stake in Western Europe," Dr. Frew pointed out that there are two "Curtains" dividing the world today.

One, the so-called "Iron Curtain," is the Russian. The other, which he called "The Golden Veil," belongs to the United States. "The Iron Curtain is, in my opinion, a psychological 'cover-up' for a vast, national inferiority complex," Dr. Frew said. "In the years from 1917 to 1939, the country pulled itself out of the backwash of medievalism, and developed all its resources, tripling its production and catching up as fast as possible with its more progressive neighbor. Then the war came. Russia was devastated. To this day she has not repaired the damage, nor returned to her former production levels. But, in order to put up a big front on the international scene, and to frighten the nations she deems more powerful, she adopted a 'scare technique'."

The speaker commented on the Russian infiltration into the countries of Western Europe, pointing out that her first act on entering a country is to seize its resources. He felt this was an indication of the fact that she was not prepared, at this time, to wage war.

The youngest of the family of nations—the United States—has the most, in wealth, in resources and in freedom. She should give to the utmost, Dr. Frew suggested, to the distressed countries in Europe. Only in this fashion can she illustrate the fact that democracy is the finest and the most rewarding way of life on earth.

Before concluding, Dr. Frew read aloud an article from a New York newspaper, dated 100 years ago. The article, written at the height of the English-Russian misunderstanding of 1948, bemoaned the danger to world peace which would come about should Russia gain control of certain ports and rivers. Ironically enough, it was signed by Karl Marx, the father of present-day Russian Communism.

President Wallace Smiles conducted the business meeting which preceded Dr. Frew's speech. Twelve guests, members of neighboring Rotary Clubs, were present. The meeting next Tuesday, it was announced, will be in the form of a St. Patrick's Day program.

A mere man visits a junior women's club! Read "HOBBY NIGHT" in

THINKING OUT LOUD

The popular new column with a Main Line Locale

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The request was recommended Monday night at a meeting of Council by Sterling M. Chain, a member of the Council Budget committee.

Chain asked that the meeting be held to discuss the financial condition of the Library and to plan for aid during the latter part of 1948, and in the future.

"Our action," Chain's recommendation stated, "is caused by the inability of Council to appropriate more money to the Library than was given in past years."

Library officials stated this week that during 1947, 5,914 juvenile readers, most of them Narberth Public School students, used the library's facilities, or a total of 24 percent of the total circulation. Juvenile readers are those children up to 14 years of age, or eighth grade students.

In January alone, the official added, approximately 336 juvenile readers used the library. Adult circulation amounted to 1,465. During the month 90 new registrations were recorded, with only three listed as juvenile.

"Our figures are only approximate," the official stated, "because a great many adults will come in to get books for themselves, and at the same time, take books out for their children. However, an average of 10 children per day use the library for reading."

School officials, on the other hand, stated that the majority of pupils of the School used the School's own library for their required reference and reading work.

"Our school library contains approximately 2500 to 2800 books," W. J. Drennan, principal of the school declared, "and in addition, many rooms in the school have smaller libraries of several hundred books."

Dr. Walter Steckbeck, president of the School Board, stated that no action on a larger appropriation could be made until the budget for the year was passed.

"There will be a preliminary budget meeting," he said, "March 25, when the new budget will be taken up. However, the budget will not be passed finally until later this Spring. It is possible that it will be passed in April, but it was not passed last year until May."

Last year the Library operated on a \$2800 appropriation from the Council and a \$300 appropriation from the School Board. A drive for funds, inaugurated for the first time last year, brought an additional \$1000.

Council Approves Police Car Bid

Withholds Action on Bids for Truck

The Narberth Borough Council Monday night approved a bid of \$823.58 for a new 1948 Chevrolet coupe to be used as a police car.

The bid, received from Kirsch Chevrolet Company, of Bala-Cynwyd, was the only bid received for the car and included an allowance of \$800 for the old car. The bid will be reduced approximately \$200 if a new heavy-duty battery and generator are not required for the new car.

The Council also opened bids for a new heavy-duty truck and a business coupe to be used for the Highway Department work, but withheld action until the bid could be studied.

Bids for these two vehicles were received from the Kirsch Chevrolet Company, The Autocar Company, and the White Sales and Service Company in Norristown, and the H. R. Jacob Company, of Ardmore.

The bids which were received for the truck were: Autocar Company, \$6,874.81 which included an allowance of \$600 for the old truck, and the White Sales Company, \$5,280 which included \$801.25 for the old truck.

Bids for the Highway Department coupe were: Kirsch Chevrolet Company, \$726.20 including an allowance of \$500 for the old 1941 Ford, and H. R. Jacob, \$891.07 including an allowance of \$421 for the old car.

A bid was also received from the Selby-Battersby Company for \$915 to repair the floor of the wing of the Community Building which is used by the Women's Club and the Boy and Girl Scout Troops.

OUR TOWN

IS ON SALE EACH WEEK AT THE FOLLOWING STORES:

Davis Store, 224 Haverford Ave., Narberth.

Granite Drug Store, Montgomery Ave., Narberth.

Narberth News, 238 Haverford Ave., Narberth.

Trainer's, 238 Woodbine Ave., Narberth.

